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CAPITOL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RANK ARIZONA'S QUARTER
Deadline to Participate Coming Up Fast

PHOENIX – Fourth graders at Capitol Elementary School gave their opinions this morning by ranking the design candidates for the Arizona state quarter. Governor Janet Napolitano joined the students as they went online in the school's computer lab to make their decisions.

Deadline for input on the quarter design is approaching quickly. The web-based ranking began last week and will continue through Friday, April 20. Governor Napolitano has until May 1, 2007 to select the final design and forward that to the U.S. Treasury. Arizona's quarter will be minted in May 2008.

"We have five beautiful designs," said the Governor. "Narrowing it to one selection won't be easy, so I truly appreciate the help."

To participate in the selection process, please go to www.azgovernor.gov and click on "Rank Arizona's Quarter." You'll be linked to a page that shows all five designs and allows you to rank the coins in the order you like best. Those who don't have access to a computer at home may login at a local public library to make their selections, or may vote by phone through the Governor's Office of Constituent Services at 1-800-253-0883.

The Arizona Quarter Commission was created by Executive Order in November 2005. In less than one year, the 24-member commission solicited design suggestions from across the state; a total of more than 4,200 designs were submitted from 79 Arizona communities. The Commission used those design suggestions to create "narratives" that were submitted to the U.S. Mint in September 2006. Artists at the Mint used the narratives to create the five original designs.

The national state quarter program began in 1999. A new state quarter comes out approximately every 10 weeks, in the order the states were admitted to the Union. The program will conclude with the minting of Hawaii's quarter in 2008. To learn about the 50 State Quarter Program or to see state quarters already released, visit:

http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/index.cfm?action=50_state_quarters_program.

For more information about the Office of the Governor, visit www.azgovernor.gov/.

PHOTO CAPTION: Governor Janet Napolitano visits with Capitol Elementary students in Phoenix as they rank the Arizona State Quarter designs. Friday, April 20 is the last day to rank the Arizona Quarter. To participate, visit www.azgovernor.gov and click on Rank Arizona's Quarter.